

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

The FIRST Robotics Competition inspires high school students to pursue

careers in science and technology; and

WHEREAS:

During the last seven years, the Minnesota FIRST Robotics contingent has grown from two, to one hundred and eighty-six teams, the third largest state contingent in the nation, with teams from throughout the state representing the

full diversity of Minnesota's high school students; and

WHEREAS:

The FIRST Robotics Competition has grown so popular, there are now more FIRST Robotics teams in Minnesota than there are boys varsity hockey teams;

and

WHEREAS:

The FIRST Robotics Competition is a Minnesota State High School League program, the first such state-sanctioned program for high school robotics teams, setting an example for the rest of the nation, and making robotics a part of Minnesota's high school competitive activity culture; and

WHEREAS:

With all of the challenges we now face as a nation, the FIRST Robotics program

continues to be vital to our future well-being and prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 28, 2014, as:

FIRST ROBOTICS DAY

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 10th day of March.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE